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DCM PAID COURTESY CALL ON ARAB LEAGUE'S ACTING SYG SAYYID NOFAL
JULY 29. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

A. LEBANON AND ASF. ARAB SECURITY FORCE, NOW STANDING
AT 3000, IS ULTIMATELY SCHEDULED NUMBER 10,000. SAG AND
SUDAN HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DOUBLE THEIR CONTINGENTS AND GENERAL GHUNAYM

AIMS, IN SHORT RUN, AT OBTAINING 6000 TROOPS.
OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HELP HAVE SO FAR
BEEN NEGATIVE. MOROCCO AND TUNISIA HAVE DECLINED, CITING
NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS TO KEEP THEIR ARMIES AT FULL
STRENGTH. BAHRAIN SAYS ITS ARMY IS JUST TOO SMALL.
KUWAIT HAS EXPLAINED THAT INTERNAL PROBLEMS,
SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING LARGE PALESTINIAN POPULATION, FORCES
IT TO DECLINE AS WELL. ALGERIA AND SOMALIA HAVE BEEN "VETOED"
BY "FRANJIYA." IRAQ HAS BEEN "VETOED" BY SYRIA. AS FOR SYRIA
AND LIBYA, PROBLEM THERE IS TO REDUCE THEIR MILITARY
CONTINGENTS, NOT TO INCREASE THEM. NOFAL OBSERVED THAT
DR. AL-KHULI IS WORKING HARD, BUT REAL PROBLEM IS BETWEEN
SARG AND PLO. HOPEFULLY CURRENT KUWAITI AND SAUDI EFFORTS
WILL HELP, BUT EGYPTIAN MEDIATION IS MOST IMPORTANT, GIVEN

EGYPT'S KEY AREA ROLE. IF SARG-PLO PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED,
THEN CEASE-FIRE CAN BE SECURED, ESPECIALLY SINCE CHAMOUN HAS
"THIS MORNING" APPARENTLY AGREED TO ACCEPT RESULTS OF DAMASCUS
NEGOTIATIONS. NOFAL POINTS
OUT THAT FIRST ARAB SECURITY FORCE
IN KUWAIT IN 1962, OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN IN CHARGE, HAD BEEN MUCH
EASIER TO ARRANGE SINCE THERE WAS NO ACTUAL FIGHTING IN KUWAIT.

B. SYRIAN INTENTIONS. IN DELICATE DIPLOMATIC PRESENTATION,;
NOFAL DISCREETLY CONVEYED HIS VIEW THAT SYRIAN APPETITE FOR
LEBANESE TERRITORY (BEQAA, AKKAR) HAS NOT DECREASED SINCE 1943.

C. OAU-ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE ON SUDAN. LIBYA HAS STILL
NOT RESPONDED TO OAU SYG'S SUGGESTION THAT JOINT COMMITTEE
BE SET UP TO RESOLVE LARG-SUDAN DISPUTE (REFTEL). IF
LIBYA DOES AGREE, ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO MEET,
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PROBABLY AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, TO NOMINATE ARAB LEAGUE
MEMBER STATES TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE.

D. RIAD'S HEALTH. BLOCKED VEIN CONDITION IN RIAD'S
LEFT EYE IS NOT AS BAD AS HAD FIRST BEEN FEARED. HE IS NOW
IN FRANCE (ALBI) FOR ONE WEEK LASER TREATMENT AND EXPECTS

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